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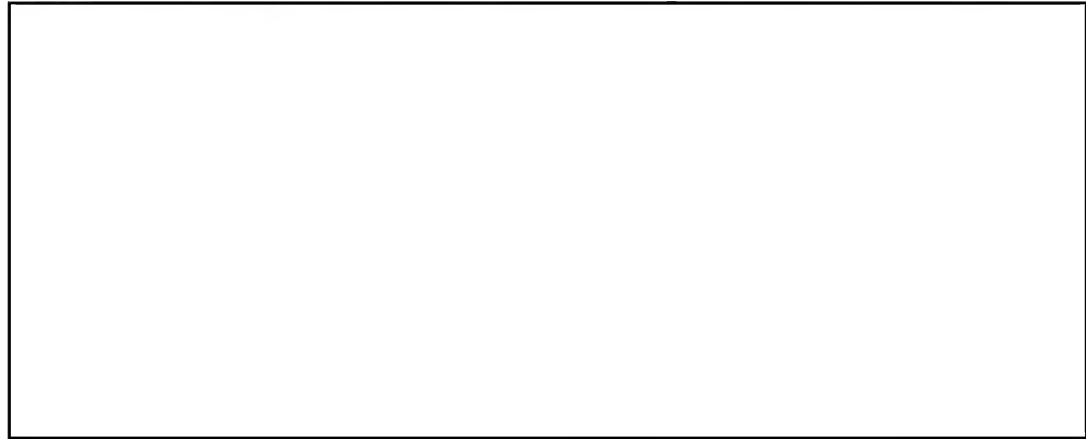
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*Congo: Premier Adoula, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] plans to break off negotiations with Tshombé on about 17 April. Adoula plans to leave shortly for a tour of the provinces, and before his departure intends to denounce Tshombé for bad faith in his unification negotiations with the central government.

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Both Adoula and Tshombé appear intent on formulating positions in which the onus for any rupture in negotiations can be placed on the other. On 7 April, Tshombé affirmed to Adoula that he was prepared to drop Katanga's claim to "absolute sovereignty," and that Adoula in turn should affirm the full "internal sovereignty" of Katanga province. Adoula, assisted by UN representative Gardiner, has in turn developed a constitutional formula which, while permitting Tshombé to retain half of Katanga's mineral export taxes, would centralize authority in Leopoldville to a degree unacceptable to Tshombé. UN officials will probably urge Adoula to avoid a breakup of the talks at this time.

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Brazil: Increasing disaffection among the peasants in the northeastern state of Paraiba has resulted in a call-out of several army units, and outbreaks of violence in the near future are possible. The present unrest is being incited by the Peasant Leagues, a protest movement against depressed conditions in northeastern Brazil, developed during the past two years under the leadership of pro-Communist Francisco Juliao. The peasants in Paraiba have been particularly aroused over the killing on 2 April of a key Peasant League leader by unidentified assassins.

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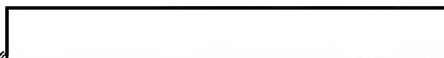


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Peasant Leagues Increasingly Popular in Northeastern
Brazilian State

Tensions throughout the Brazilian northeast have been heightened over the past four months by a 50 to 100 percent rise in prices of several basic foods--a problem which may be accentuated by a general transportation strike scheduled to begin in the area on 16 April. Peasant League activity is increasing in Paraiba, although activity in other states has declined in recent months, possibly because of the absence of Juliao, who has been visiting Cuba and trying to organize peasants in southern Brazil.

^{Ca}~~Peasant~~ league membership in Paraiba has apparently increased from 6,000 to 6,500 last December to 10,000-12,000. At least one large league is supported by the middle-of-the-road Social Democratic party, one of Brazil's three major political groups. Governor Pedro Gondim early this year in a prepared public speech deplored the tendency in Paraiba for large estates to increase in size while subsistence farms grow smaller.

The Cuban press service reports that thousands of peasants demonstrated on 10 April on the way to the Paraiba state capital of Joao Pessoa but that army units had been sent to intercept them. Groups of soldiers are said to have broken into the homes of peasant leaders and taken them to prison.

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